



Levels and Competences Wilderness Guide Arctic Level 2 Level 3

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Level 2

28 days of extra training (224 hours counting 8 hours a day) from which at least 14 days in Remote/ Backcountry areas within the (Sub) Arctic ecoregion.

A minimum of 28 days of extra guiding within Level 2 competences.

For Arctic Level 2 a minimum of 28 days during winter egg 14 days training, 14 days Guiding

For all counted days the general rule is: At Least 50% is in the Arctic, the other 50% can be done in the Sub Arctic during winter.

At least 4 specializations

Theory assignments:

- Emergency plan & Risk analyses
- Type of specialization assignment

Nature & Wildlife

- Basic knowledge of animal tracks, animal gaits and patterns
- Proper knowledge of Flora and Fauna in the Arctic Ecoregion

Hike & Survival

- 100% score on starting a fire using a fire rod
- Use of pulkas
- Use of snow tools
- Camping in the snow



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- Quinzee, Snowcave
- Snowshoeing use and maintenance
- Making improvised snowshoes
- Be able to go on in (Sub) Arctic terrain for six days
- Preparing and leading a 3 day trip in (Sub) Arctic terrain
- Purifying water
- Counting Calories, food. What to eat and why
- (Sub) Arctic Wilderness Camping
- Rules and regulations
- Be able to theoretical prepare a week hike in (sub) Arctic Back Country
- Ice travel & testing - fresh water lakes rivers and brack water
- Arctic cultural knowledge, for example Inuit, Sami, Dene, Inuvialuit, Gwich'en.
- X-Country skiing
- Orienteering using stars.
- Camping in treeless areas
- Bear (polar bear included) safety basics bear spray, bangers, air horns.
- Dogsledding - Mushing

Rescue

- Be able to make a Risk analysis and Emergency plan
- Wilderness First Aid, at least 40 hours training and certification
- Avalanche awareness, at least two days of training
- Wildlife safety

Didactics, teaching, public speaking, Leadership, Coaching & Training

Level 3 Expert Guide 4 seasons

A minimum of 120 days (960 hours) of (assistant) guiding from which at least 60 days (480 hours) in Remote / Backcountry areas within the (Sub) Arctic Ecoregion.

From which at least 50 days in winter.

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- Wilderness First Aid 40 hours



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- Excellent knowledge of Arctic flora & fauna and track & sign.
- Search & Rescue fundamentals
- Be able to organize and lead a rescue party in remote Arctic areas (know what to do and what not to do)
- Polarbear Safety (firearm training course)
- Use of Firearms (egg. PAL)
- Igloo
- Avalanche Awareness, at least 6 days of training
- Skidoo
- Helicopter travel experience
- Boats experience crew member or pilot

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Guide Instructor / Training institutes

A level 3 guide can train level 1 guides.

One must have a letter of recommendation from an approved level 3 guide instructor and /or an approved organization.

One must have proof of good behavior

One must be a guide of good standings respecting (local) rules and regulations

One must deliver a complete log, proof of all above and certificates

To train people to become a level 2 or 3 guide one must have:

At least 300 days (2400 hours) of guiding experience within the (Sub) Arctic Ecoregion, from which at least 125 days (1000 hours) in the Remote / Backcountry.

From which at least 100 days in winter.

For all counted days the general rule is: At Least 50% is in the Arctic, the other 50% can be done in the Sub Arctic during winter.

One must have at least 6 (eco region related) specializations within the team (at least 4 for the Chief Instructor).

One must have at least 20 days (160 hours) of training in Group management, didactics, teaching



and/or coaching & training OR a teaching degree

One must have a letter of recommendation from an approved level 3 guide instructor and /or an approved organization.

One must have proof of good behavior or work in a field where that is already needed.

One must be a guide of good standings respecting (local) rules and regulations

One must deliver a complete log, proof of all above and certificates